



Ashland Global Holdings Inc. announces completion of senior euro-denominated notes offering by Ashland Services B.V.

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WILMINGTON, Delaware, Jan. 23, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Ashland Global Holdings Inc. (NYSE: ASH) announced today that its indirect, wholly owned subsidiary Ashland Services B.V. has closed its previously announced offering of €500 million (approximately \$560 million) aggregate principal amount of 2.000% senior notes due 2028 (the "Notes").

The Notes are senior unsecured obligations of Ashland Services B.V. The Notes are initially guaranteed on an unsecured basis by each of Ashland Global Holdings Inc. and Ashland LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ashland Global Holdings Inc. (together, the "Guarantees").

Ashland used the net proceeds of the offering (after deducting initial purchasers' discounts and other fees and expenses), together with the proceeds of Ashland's delayed draw Term Loan A facility and other funds of Ashland LLC or its subsidiaries, to purchase in cash tender offers (x) an aggregate principal amount of \$671,209,000 of Ashland LLC's outstanding 4.750% Senior Notes due 2022, an aggregate principal amount of \$25,000 of Hercules LLC's outstanding 6.600% Debentures due 2027, an aggregate principal amount of \$92,153,000 of Ashland LLC's outstanding 6.875% Senior Notes due 2043 and an aggregate principal amount of \$2,925,000 of Hercules LLC's outstanding 6.500% Junior Subordinated Debentures due 2029 (the "Tender Offers"), and to pay fees and expenses associated therewith.

The Notes were offered in the United States to (i) qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and (ii) to non-U.S. persons outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act. The Notes and the Guarantees have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any other jurisdiction, and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to U.S. persons without registration under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any other jurisdiction or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements.

This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any security, including the Notes, in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful.

The Notes were not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and were not offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area (the "EEA"). This announcement does not constitute an advertisement for the purposes of the Prospectus Regulation.

Solely for the purposes of each manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Notes has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Notes was eligible counterparties and professional clients only, each as defined in Directive 2014/65/EU; and (ii) all channels for distribution of the notes to eligible counterparties and professional clients were appropriate. No key information document (KID) required by Regulation (EU) No. 1286/2014 (as amended, the "PRIIPs Regulation") for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA was prepared, and therefore offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may have been unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.

About Ashland

Ashland Global Holdings Inc. (NYSE: ASH) is a premier global specialty materials company serving customers in a wide range of consumer and industrial markets, including adhesives, architectural coatings, automotive, construction, energy, food and beverage, nutraceuticals, personal care and pharmaceutical. At Ashland, we are approximately 4,700 passionate, tenacious solvers – from renowned scientists and research chemists to talented engineers and plant operators – who thrive on developing practical, innovative and elegant solutions to complex problems for customers in more than 100 countries. Visit ashland.com to learn more.

Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Ashland has identified some of these forward-looking statements with words such as "anticipates," "believes," "expects," "estimates," "is likely," "predicts," "projects," "forecasts," "objectives," "may," "will," "should," "plans" and "intends" and the negative of these words or other comparable terminology. In addition, Ashland may from time to time make forward-looking statements in its annual report to shareholders, quarterly reports and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), news releases and other written and oral communications. These forward-looking statements are based on Ashland's expectations and assumptions, as of the date such statements are made, regarding Ashland's future operating performance and financial condition, as well as the economy and other future events or circumstances. These statements include, but may not be limited to, statements about the Notes offering and the use of proceeds therefrom. Various risks and uncertainties may cause actual results to differ materially from those stated, projected or implied by any forward-looking statements, including, without limitation, risks and uncertainties affecting Ashland that are described in its most recent Form 10-K (including Item 1A Risk Factors) filed with the SEC, which is available on Ashland's website at <http://investor.ashland.com> or on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Ashland believes its expectations and assumptions are reasonable, but there can be no assurance that the expectations reflected herein will be achieved. Unless legally required, Ashland undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements made in this news release whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Information on Ashland's website is not incorporated into or a part of this news release.

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